

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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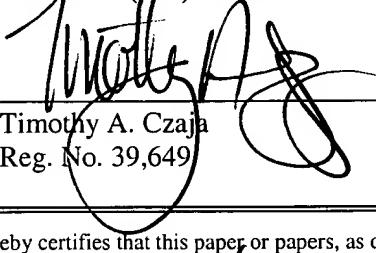
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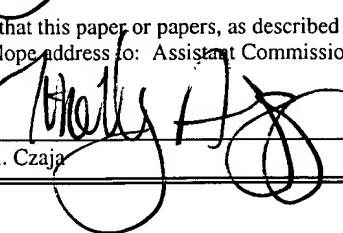
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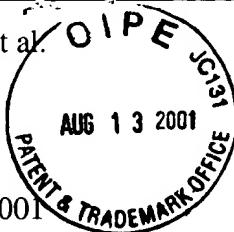
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